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SUBJECT: NEW CUKUROVA UNIVERSITY RECTOR CALLS FOR GRAND COALITION
TO DEAL WITH STUDENT UNREST
1. DR. LUTFULLAH AKSUNGUR, WHO HAS BEEN NEWLY ELECTED AS RECTOR
OF CUKUROVA UNIVERSITY TO SUCCEED PROF. MITHAT OZSAN, HAS SPOKEN OUT
IN THE PRETHE PROBLEM OF STUDENT UNREST. HIS REMARKS SEEM TO HAVE
PRODUCED ONLY VERY SCATTERED ECHO IN THE NATIONAL PRESS AS WELL AS
SOME CRITICISM FROM WITHIN HIS OWN FACULTY (MEDICAL SCHOOL) AS TO
THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SUCH POLITICAL UTTERANCE BY A UNIVERSITY

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2. DR. AKSUNGUR, A DERMATOLOGIST, STUDIED IN THE US AND IS
MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN. GENERALLY HE SEEMS TO BE EXTREMELY WELL
REGARDED HERE. HE IS AN ADVOCATE OF STRONG AND DIRECT FACULTY
INVOLVEMENT WITH THE STUDENTS AND THEIR PROBLEMS AND SHARPLY
OPPOSES THE CLOSING OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER MINORITY
PRESSURE. A BELIEVER IN TOLERANCE TOWARD THOSE WHO ARE
INEXPERIENCED, DR. AKSUNGUR, HOWEVER, TOLD ME RECENTLY THAT PER-
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SISTENT TROUBLEMAKES WOULD BE HANDLED WITH DOUBLE SEVERITY, E.G.
TWO YEAR EXPULSIONS IF THEY REPEATED.
3. COMMENT: DESPITE NATIONWIDE DISORDERS, WHICH INCLUDE CITIES
SUCH AS DIYARBAKIR, GAZIANTEP AND ELAZIG IN OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT,
YOUTH AND STUDENT PROBLEMS IN ADANA (TURKEY'S FOURTH LARGEST CITY)
HAVE--SO FAR AT LEAST--BEEN ISOLATED AND MINOR.

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